



## Lecia Lanford Landolt

September 21, 1957 - January 4, 2019

Lecia Lanford Landolt, beloved mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend passed away Friday, January 4, 2019, following a long battle with pancreatic cancer. She was a strong, encouraging, humble, gifted, witty, beautiful lady who truly made an impact on everyone and everything she touched. She will be remembered for her unending effort to make every day count in service to others. You would find her encouraging teachers and coworkers, cooking and serving for the bereaved, and embracing the attitude that you never give up.

A graduate of the University of North Georgia, Lecia went on to earn her Educational Specialist Degree from the University of Georgia. Lecia touched the lives of so many children as a teacher and school administrator in Gwinnett, Lumpkin, and Cherokee counties. She had a natural knack with middle schoolers and often joked about her middle school sense of humor. Perhaps her greatest contribution to the school system was how she influenced her professional peers as she uplifted and empowered them professionally and personally.

A life-long member of the United Methodist Church, Lecia will be remembered fondly as a counselor at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, Georgia. She served Canton First United Methodist Church faithfully throughout her years there by coordinating bereavement meals, serving Wednesday night suppers, and volunteering for Vacation Bible School.

Lecia loved music and sought opportunities to share her gift of music in any way she could. From directing the children's choir when her children were younger to feeding her granddaughter's choir in more recent years, Lecia connected her love of music and children. For the past 6 years she sang alongside her husband, Richard, and her mother, Mary, in the Cherokee Chorale.

Lecia spent her early years surrounded by extended family which instilled a strong love of family that she would pass on to all those around her. She could make any situation into a positive, fun experience if she was around her family or friends. She was well-known for

her ability to put a positive spin on anything. Her latest, greatest joys were her two grandchildren, Alaynah and Jesse, who she lavished with love, kindness, attention, and awesome learning experiences.

Lecia instilled an attitude of joyful service in both of her children. She was proud that her son, Jim, plays such an active role at Cowboy Church in Jerusalem, Georgia. Her daughter, Katie, follows in Lecia's footsteps as a teacher for students with visual impairments in Cherokee County and the coordinator of Camp Abilities North Georgia, a sports camp for children who are blind or visually-impaired.

Though Lecia battled her illness for over five years, she realized every day was a gift. Her positive outlook enabled her to continue with a strong, vibrant, joyful life. Her brother, Rob Lanford said, "Lecia made more of out of these last 6 years than most people make out of a lifetime."

Lecia is survived by husband Richard Landolt of Canton, Georgia; daughter Katie Strack (Thad) Proctor of Canton, Georgia; son Jim Strack Jr. of Jasper, Georgia; mother Mary Lanford of Dahlonega, Georgia; brother Reverend Robert Almand Lanford Jr. of Marietta, Georgia; brother Norbert Spence Lanford of Oxford, Georgia; sister Nan Lanford of Canton, Georgia; mother-in-law Masako Landolt; sister-in-law Kathy Owen; brother-in-law Craig Landolt; brother-in-law James Landolt; and two grandchildren: Alaynah Jackson and Jesse Proctor.

A funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Canton First United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. Reverend Dr. Kenny Ott and Reverend Dr. Dusty Reynolds will officiate the service. Visitation services will precede on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Friday, January 11, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Darby Funeral Home. A concluding visitation will occur on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Canton First United Methodist Church.

As an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the following: 1)- Camp Glisson, 2019 Camp Glisson Road, Dahlonega, Georgia 30533; 2)- American Cancer Society, <https://donate.cancer.org>; or 3)- Camp Abilities North Georgia, <https://www.paypal.me/campabilitiesnorthga>.

The caring staff of Darby Funeral Home is honored to serve the Landolt Family.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**      04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Darby Funeral Home

480 East Main Street, Canton, GA, US, 30114

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**JAN**   **Visitation**      02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Canton First United Methodist Church

930 Lower Scott Mill Rd., Canton, GA, US, 30115

**JAN**   **Funeral Mass**                      03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



January 09 at 11:03 PM

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“ The Goshen Valley Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



**The Goshen Valley Family** - January 09 at 08:57 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



January 09 at 05:26 PM

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“ So sorry for your great loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Deb Smith** - January 08 at 05:35 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



January 08 at 04:42 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



January 08 at 10:46 AM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



January 07 at 02:13 PM

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“ Love Melanie Huey purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



**Love Melanie Huey** - January 06 at 07:14 PM

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“ Your cousin Andy Jordan purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



Your cousin Andy Jordan - January 06 at 04:54 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



January 05 at 11:41 PM

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“ James & Pamela Landolt purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lecia Lanford Landolt.



James & Pamela Landolt - January 05 at 10:39 PM

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“ I feel so blessed to have had Lecia in my life while working at Freedom Middle School. She was truly one of the nicest people I have ever known. I feel relief she has gone home to her Lord. I will pray for those who have to continue without her until they meet again. Love to your family, Richard

Tracey Stapleton - January 05 at 07:47 PM

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“ The Liberty United Methodist Church Intercessors in Macon, GA. added Lecia to our prayer list and learned yesterday that God had called her home to suffer no more. We continue to pray that the comfort, love and peace of Jesus will surround you during this difficult time of separation of your very special one. Be encouraged, you will see her again!



**JoAnne Thompson, Prayer** - January 05 at 03:27 PM

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“ Lecia - I am so blessed to have known you and worked with you! You were always the one that I could count on if we needed a calming voice when we needed help with one of our precious students or teachers. Thank you for being a champion for my son Adam when he was in middle school with you. I am going to miss our lunches and dinners together celebrating our birthdays with Tammy. Most of all I am going to miss our friendship. I am so thankful we stayed in touch after our retirement. Rest in Peace now and we will meet again.  
Richard - God Bless You! I am so sorry! Lecia was one in a million! I am praying for you and the family!  
Katie and Jim - My prayers are with you both! Your mother was a remarkable lady!

**Karen Blackwell Hawley** - January 05 at 03:16 PM



“ Lecia was a conduit of God's love regardless of the circumstances. She was a faithful steward in any position she was in charge of, whether it be family or profession. She was a great mentor for me when I first started teaching. I'll never forget her as a kind and patient teacher/friend (down the hall) at DRMS and then as an Assistant Principal at WMS. She was truly a blessing. Prayers are with you all!

**Lorin** - January 05 at 05:00 PM



“ God Bless. I did not get to meet you Lecia but feel I knew you in spirit. So many wonderful uplifting stories about your life we're shared with me. I know you were an amazing person and gave so much to so many.

**sandy duteau** - January 06 at 03:55 PM



“ We were in college. Lecia was living in one of the "extra" cabins at camp. She was expressing her frustration at not having a "witness" like so many of the counselors at camp. After all, she didn't drink, smoke, take drugs or sleep around with men. I said, "Lucky You!! Nobody really wants that kind of witness. You are the best kind of witness." I don't think she believed me that day but she became the best kind of witness. Her light shone in so many nooks and crannies of this world with a beautiful and divine presence that touched everyone around her. I pray for you Richard, Katie, Jim, Mary, Rob, Norby and Nan as you struggle through the hard days ahead. Thank God we will all meet again! Love you, Mary

Ann Cannon

**Mary Ann** - January 12 at 01:42 AM